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1. Yusuf Malik, an Assyrian Catholic (Chaldean), wrote an article several months ago which appeared in the publication of the Assyrian community in Chicago. In his article Malik advocated an independent Assyrian state in Northern Iraq in which Assyrians and Kurds could collaborate.
2. It has been reported that on 8 March, Malik conferred with Dr. Kamiran Badr Khan, of Beirut, eminent Kurdish leader. They discussed Malik's plan and current Kurdish-Iranian relations. The two men called at the Soviet Legation in Beirut the following morning, and met again on 10 March.
3. Malik is reported to have stated that the Kurds have lost all hope of getting American or British support and must therefore turn to Russia for aid. The Assyrians are in the same predicament, according to Malik, and should pull together with the Kurds. Malik said that all effort should be made to help the Kurdish leader, Mulla Mustafa Barzani, so as to prevent the collapse of his movement.

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